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States Attorney Allows Illegal Abortions Refuses to enforce law and puts women at risk

Washington, DC – A North Dakota official has refused to bring charges against an abortionist who practiced without a valid state medical license.

According to an investigation by the Fargo Police Department, Lori Thorndike performed "a number of abortions" at the Red River Women's Clinic on September 30, 2010. Lori Thorndike was not licensed to practice medicine in North Dakota on September 30.

Janne Myrdal, State Director of Concerned Women for America of North Dakota, stated, "I am stunned that Cass County States Attorney Birch Burdick refuses to enforce the law that he is entrusted to uphold. Birch Burdick is undermining the public's trust that our officials will do their job and protect women from lawless, unlicensed abortionists."

"The fact that the law was broken is not even in question. Instead, Mr. Burdick has chosen NOT to enforce the law. His decision is a blatant disregard of the North Dakota Abortion Control Act. He has allowed his political opinion to supersede the law."

"Mr. Burdick's complete disregard for the law begs the question: what other laws are being violated at the Red River Women's Clinic? This abortion clinic employs only out-of-state physicians. The fact that these visiting abortionists have such contempt for the law is indeed telling of the abortion industry. Women's health has been placed in jeopardy. Obviously, that is of no concern to Mr. Burdick, and, may I suggest, to anyone representing the Red River Women's Clinic."

Penny Nance, CEO of Concerned Women for America, stated, "The day when abortion clinics and abortionist are not held to ethical and professional standards needs to end. Concerned Women for America urges the states attorney to enforce the law. In some states veterinary clinics have more regulations than abortion clinics, but that is not the case in North Dakota. We praise God for North Dakota state legislators who have enacted the proper laws to protect women."

To hear further comments by CWA of North Dakota on this case, please go to:

http://feeds.greatplainslive.net/media/2010-11-16_dodsonmyrdahl111610.mp3

CWA of North Dakota will continue to defend the rights of women and will do our utmost to make sure this case ends up on the Attorney General's desk for a full investigation as provided for by North Dakota laws.

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